

**MEETING SUMMARY FOR
MENTAL HEALTH OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COUNCIL
August 24, 2005
MACo Conference Room, Helena**

Members Present: Mignon Waterman, Valerie Barstad, John Chappuis, Joan Daly, Joyce DeCunzo, Jim Fitzgerald, Don Harr, Barbara Hogg, Liam Holton, Suzanne Hopkins, Chuck Hunter, Bob Jahner, Pam Koepplin, Kathleen Nelson, Gerald Pease, Tom Peluso, Tiffani Pimley, Frank Podobnik, Gary Popiel, Boyd Roth, Drew Schoening, Peg Shea, Jo Shipman, Jacob Wagner, Karen Ward, and Dan Weinberg

Members Absent: Diana Aerhammer, Leroy Bingham, Leslie Edgcomb, Bill Kennedy (Fergus County Commissioner Carl Silstad represented Commissioner Kennedy)

Staff Present: Carol Davidson and Marcia Armstrong

Interested Parties and Staff: Joan Miles, Lou Thompson, Pete Surdock, Karin Billings, Heidi Spritzer, Linda Roth, and Bonnie Adee

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
	Mignon introduced Joan Miles as the new director, effective September 12.	
Addictive and Mental Disorders Division (AMDD) Report – Joyce DeCunzo	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Charles Curie, SAMHSA Administrator, will be speaking at the Mental Illness Conference in November. 2. MetNet on August 19 for crisis response system discussion is just the beginning. 18 sites participated in the discussion. 3. The Montana State Hospital (MSH) census was over the licensed capacity of 189 in August. The Governor's office has been incredibly supportive. The MSH is experiencing a one-third-vacancy rate in nursing positions. 4. The fiscal year 2004 Block Grant was awarded this week. 	

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Human Resources Division (HRD) Report – Chuck Hunter	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Providers received the largest rate increase in a decade. 2. The campus based therapeutic care will receive an additional rate increase in October to bring the rate more in line with actual cost. 3. Kids Management Authorities (KMA) are up and running. The first round of the SAMHSA grant will fund the communities to better refine the KMA structure. The communities applying for grants are Butte, Billings, Missoula, Crow Nation and Blackfeet Nation. Each community would receive \$138,750 in federal funds. 4. The Systems of Care (SOC) meeting will be September 21. 5. Legislature gave the Department authority to pursue a SED waiver. The waiver will include the families in the package of care. 6. CNS has been monitoring prescribing practices of physicians. The first 100 prescribers will be receiving letters regarding their prescribing practice. 	
Children’s Mental Health Block Grant – Karin Billings	<p>Council reviewed the children’s block grant and made various comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weak on substance abuse and mental illness section. 2. Use SED rather than mental illness. 3. Disagree with the eligibility diagnosis for SED. ADHD should be an entrance diagnosis. 4. Disagree with some of the data and targets. 	<p>Include the discussion on diagnosis for the Council’s upcoming meetings. Send out data dictionary.</p>

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Adult Mental Health Block Grant – Marcia Armstrong	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The housing section is weak. There are a lot of housing activities going on in Montana. 2. The overcrowding at the MSH needs to be included. 3. The shortage of providers especially psychiatrists should be included. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Perhaps look at WAMI for psychiatrist slots in Montana. b. Look at funding RNs to attend school for APRN or PA. c. Need to track the number of participating psychiatrists in Montana with the increase in rates. Determine if the rate increase was effective in recruiting more psychiatrists in Montana. 4. Need to demonstrate more of a commitment for peer programs in Montana. 5. Disagree with the entrance diagnosis for Severe Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI). Personality disorders are not as disabling as other diagnosis. 6. Would like to see a measure on employment. 7. More information on Corrections and mental health. 	<p>Include the diagnosis discussion in upcoming Council meetings.</p> <p>Send out the chart used at the MetNet to demonstrate the population and include in Council discussion.</p>
Department Report – John Chappuis	<p>Medicare – the Department has identified 22-23,000 individuals who are dually enrolled. They will be receiving a letter for enrollment in a drug plan. Individuals will be automatically enrolled if receive no response. But the individuals should have choices.</p> <p>CHIP will be redoing the benefit package.</p>	

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Ombudsman Report – Bonnie Adee	<p>The major policy issues are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parity and insurance. 2. Do we provide access to services for all children with SED? 3. Access to psychiatrists is getting worse. APRNs are not required to work under psychiatrist supervision. 4. Persons being discharged from prison without any mental health follow up. 5. Persons that don't qualify for developmental disabilities services but have a mental illness. 	Bonnie will provide the written annual report at the next meeting.
Council By-Laws – Don Harr	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would like to have a Child and Family services representative on the Council. 2. Add a statement that the state employees serve at the discretion of each respective state agency. 	<p>Assign this issue to the Development Committee to discuss adding an additional seat. This would mean two seats due to the 51% consumer and family member representation.</p> <p>Added the state employee statement.</p> <p>By-Laws passed with the addition of state employees.</p>
Mental Health Block Grant – Mignon Waterman		Council voted to accept the block grant as amended based on discussion.
Chair and Vice Chair Appointments	<p>The Council nominated Mignon Waterman as chair.</p> <p>Council nominated Barbara Hogg and Bill Kennedy as vice chair.</p>	<p>Passed unanimously.</p> <p>Barbara Hogg selected on written ballot as vice chair.</p>
Technical Assistance – Mignon Waterman	Technical assistance has been requested on peer services and to include adolescent peer services.	Technical assistance will be November 16 with the Council meeting on the 17 th .

Next Meeting is November 16 and 17, 2005. Technical assistance on peer services will be November 16.
The Council Orientation will be October 14 by MetNet.